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To: Chairman, Subcommittee on Exploitation of Foreign Language
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Subj: Proposed Expansion of FDD Program, Navy Comments on

1. The draft version (dated June 1956) of the "Report to the Advisory Committee on Foreign Language Publications . . ." has been reviewed with Navy consumers. The results of this survey may be briefly summarized as follows:

(a) Approximately 90% of the individual items listed in the appendix to subject report are of little or no interest to the Navy.

(b) The remaining (approximately) 10% are important to the Navy. However, most of these items are considered expendable in the respect that, if not furnished through expansion of the present FDD program, Navy will not expand its collection or exploitation of foreign language publications in order to obtain them elsewhere.

(c) In certain cases of urgent continuing need or specific short-term requirements, requests will be issued to existing Naval activities and temporary supplemental projects will be initiated to procure needed information. In large part, however, the proposed additional material will be lost to the Navy if not provided through an expanded FDD program.

2. It is desired to emphasize that the Navy's failure to undertake a program designed to obtain the material elsewhere is due to a lack of funds and manpower, rather than a lack of interest. Indeed, the material in this category would, if obtained, be of very considerable value and use to the Navy.

3. Citation of the importance to the Navy of individual items on the proposed program, together with alternative courses of action (if any) to be pursued, follows. Omission of any item is intended to indicate absence of importance to the Navy.

A. USSR (nonscientific)
First Priority

Item 4 is important in the respect that all available information on the Soviet Navy is needed. However, no alternative program is en-

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visaged.

Item 7 - Antarctic information is of importance to the Navy in connection with U. S. participation in the International Geophysical Year program. No alternative program is contemplated.

Second Priority

Item 6 - Expanded exploitation of foreign language materials pertaining to the Soviet Merchant Fleet would be of great value to the Office of Naval Intelligence. The creation of a register of USSR Merchant Fleet ships would, to a great extent duplicate work already being accomplished by the Office of Naval Intelligence. However, if such a device would serve to promote the efficiency of FDD's ship coverage, such duplication would probably be justified. The Office of Naval Intelligence could not, under present circumstances, undertake a program to compensate for the absence of proposed expansion in this field.

B. USSR - Scientific and Technical

First Priority

Item 1 - Information on the chemistry of fuels and explosives bearing on guided missile research is of great potential value to the Navy. If not provided through expansion of the FDD program, Navy would seek such material through revision of current collection and exploitation programs. It is doubtful if any permanent additional program would be initiated as an alternative to obtaining the information from FDD.

Item 2 - Extension of current exploitation of guided missile information to monographic literature and books is considered important. Alternative action by Navy would follow the lines described for Item 1.

Item 3 - Extension of current coverage of atomic energy information to current books and monographs is important as a contribution to evidence of Soviet progress in the development of nuclear ship propulsion. A shift in emphasis of collection activities might be directed in order to obtain such information in the event that the proposed program is not approved.

Third Priority

Item 1 - This material is important to Navy. It is the impression of the consuming analysts (from a conversation with Mr. Bucans) that this type of material is currently being exploited from Soviet "House Organs".

C. Eastern European Satellites

First Priority

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BULGARIA

Items 1 and 3 - Economic information related to the shipbuilding industry is important to the Navy. No alternative program contemplated.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Item 4 - Industrial information related to the shipbuilding industry is important to the Navy. No alternative program contemplated.

HUNGARY

Item 5 - Industrial information related to the shipbuilding industry is important to the Navy. No alternative program contemplated.

Item 7 - Information pertaining to inland water transportation is important to the Navy. No alternative program contemplated.

POLAND

Item 3 - Information pertaining to the shipbuilding industry is important to the Navy. No alternative program contemplated.

Item 6 - Information pertaining to water transportation, including organization, equipment, personnel and facilities is important to the Navy. No alternative program is contemplated.

RUMANIA

Item 5 - Industrial information pertaining to the shipbuilding industry is important to the Navy. No alternative program is contemplated.

Item 6 - Information pertaining to maritime and river port facilities is important to the Navy. No alternative program is contemplated.

YUGOSLAVIA

Item 1 - Information pertaining to the development of port facilities and water transport is important to the Navy. No alternative program is contemplated.

C. Eastern European Satellites (contd)
Second Priority

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Item 4 - Data on inland water transportation is important to the Navy. No alternative program is contemplated.

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D. Communist Far East
First Priority

CHINA

Item 1 - Information pertaining to inland waterways and coastal shipping is important to the Navy. If unavailable through FDD, Navy would seek to obtain this material through Hong Kong sources available to the Naval Attache systems. No additional program is contemplated.

COMMUNIST VIETNAM

Item 1 - Information pertaining to intra-Bloc assistance programs are important as they relate to the subject of controls on strategic trade with Communist China. No alternative program is contemplated.

NORTH KOREA


Texts of laws, decrees and cabinet decisions, as they relate to defense, are important to the Navy. No alternative program is contemplated.

Second Priority

CHINA

Item 4 - Information pertaining to shipyards, in addition to those in the Shanghai area, would be of great importance to the Navy. Sources available in Japan and in Hong Kong would be encouraged to increase their volume of material in compensation for the absence of this material, but no additional program would be initiated.

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